Application GRANTED IN PART. Defendants shall answer, move or otherwise respond to the Complaint by **May 21, 2020**.

Defendants' application to adjourn the initial pretrial conference, scheduled for April 16, 2020, is DENIED. The Court does not ordinarily adjourn initial conferences pending an answer.

Dated: April 6, 2020 New York, New York

BY ECF

Honorable Lorna G. Schofield United States District Judge Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007

LORNA G. SCHOFIELD

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE** 

Re: New York Legal Assistance Group v. DeVos, et al., No. 20 Civ. 1414 (LGS)

Dear Judge Schofield:

This Office represents Defendants in the above-referenced action. An initial pre-trial conference is scheduled for April 16, 2020 at 10:40 a.m., and the Government's deadline to respond to the Complaint is April 21, 2020.

With Plaintiff's consent, I write to respectfully request that the Government be granted a 30-day extension of time to respond to the Complaint, until May 21, 2020. The extension is sought to allow the Government additional time to obtain and review records that are necessary for the preparation of a response to the complaint. For the same reason, the Government respectfully requests that the initial conference be adjourned for 30 days until May 15, 2020, or a date thereafter convenient to the Court. This is the first request for an extension of the Government's time to respond to the Complaint, and the first request for an adjournment of the initial pre-trial conference.

I thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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